

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

The increasing monopolization of the media into the hands of a few super-powerful entities is anti-democratic. It ensures that the citizenry is molded into passive, uncritical consumers, powerless to control their own destinies. Under a system where media control rests within a very few hands, the citizenry's ability to preserve democracy will wither away. The ability to hear critical voices, voices of opposition, voices of everyday citizens, will decline, stuck into a 3 AM Sunday 'public service' slot. Larger media companies are the last thing we need. Rather, you need to break up the media monopolies, before it is too late.